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SENATE BILL 236

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

DEDE FELDMAN

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC WELFARE; PROVIDING FOR AN INMATE WORK FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AND PILOT PROJECT; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. INMATE WORK FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM - PILOT  
PROJECT. --

A. The corrections department shall establish and  
administer an inmate work food distribution program. The  
program shall provide for and administer a food harvesting and  
distribution program of agricultural crops that might  
otherwise go to waste. The agricultural crops shall be  
distributed to sick or indigent persons. The corrections  
department shall cooperate with other departments, public  
bodies and private landowners as it deems appropriate to

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1 develop and implement policies and procedures and shall  
2 provide staffing and administrative support for the program,  
3 including its harvesting and distribution systems.

4 B. As part of the inmate work food distribution  
5 program, the corrections department shall conduct a harvesting  
6 and distribution pilot project using minimum-security inmates  
7 of state correctional facilities. The corrections department  
8 shall cooperate with the human services department to  
9 establish and implement the food distribution system,  
10 policies, procedures or other features of the pilot project.

11 C. The pilot project shall be implemented on state  
12 or private lands, with the private landowner's consent, that  
13 are in proximity to the correctional facilities housing the  
14 inmates. Agricultural products harvested through the pilot  
15 project shall be distributed only to sick or indigent persons.

16 D. The corrections department shall report and  
17 make recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative  
18 committee not later than November 1, 1998 on whether to  
19 continue, discontinue or modify the pilot project.

20 E. As used in this section, "agricultural crop"  
21 means any owner-donated food or nonfood crop or product grown  
22 on land, including firewood.

23 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Eighty-three thousand dollars  
24 (\$83,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
25 corrections department for expenditure in fiscal years 1998

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1 and 1999 for the purpose of establishing and operating a food  
2 harvesting and distribution pilot project. Any unexpended  
3 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1999  
4 shall revert to the general fund.

5 Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
6 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
7 immediately.

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6 February 4, 1998  
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8 Mr. President:  
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10 Your COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, in  
15 accordance with constitutional provisions, and thence referred to the  
16 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.  
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19 Respectfully submitted,  
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Manny M. Aragon, Chairman

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14 that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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22 Cisco McSorley, Vice-Chairman

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Yes: 6

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Excused: Payne, Tsosie

Absent: None

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